General of Civil Aviation are pressed into operation. A Techno Economic evaluation study, to replace the ageing fleet of B-737 and A-300 aircraft as also to augment fleet capacity of Indian Airlines, is currently underway.

Formation of Air Safety Board

3113. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been increase in the rate of minor and major air accidents of Alliance Air duirng the last three years;

(b) if so, what are the complete details of accidents so far and the cause of each accident;

(c) whether Government propose to set up Air Safety Board, an independent body in the near future; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Only one accident has occurred to Alliance Air Boeing 737 aircraft near Patna Airport on 17.7.2000 which is under investigation by a Court of Inquiry set up by the Govenrment under Rule 75 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Depiction of Women in Publications of AI

3114. DR. (SHRIMATI) JOYASREE GOSWAMI MAHANTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India is depicting Indian, in particular the Indian women, in undignified manner in the literature circulated to passengers on its international flights;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken so far to stop such type of publication; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Ban on Using Mobile Phone in Aircrafts

3115. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that using a mobile phone is banned in the aircraft when the fasten your seat belt indication sign is on;

(b) if so, whether any incident violating this ban during the month of May, 2000 had been noticed; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In May, 2000 no incident of violation of these guidelines has been reported.

Cancellation of IA IC-540 Flight

3116. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether on 12th July, 2000 IC-540 IA flight was cancelled and passengers complained of shabby treatment on the part of the Airline staff;

(b) the reasons for the Airline staff lacking the courtesy in contrast to other Airlines; and

(c) the reasons for not fumigating the Aeroplane before allowing passengers to enter to prevent such avoidable situation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Flight IC-540 of 12.7.2000 was rescheduled to operate on 13th July, 2000 with ETD as 0730 hours. The passengers of the flight were extended necessary assistance/facilitation and were looked after by Indian Airlines.

(c) Fumigation of the aircraft is not done prior to each flight. As